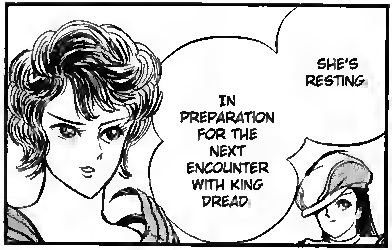
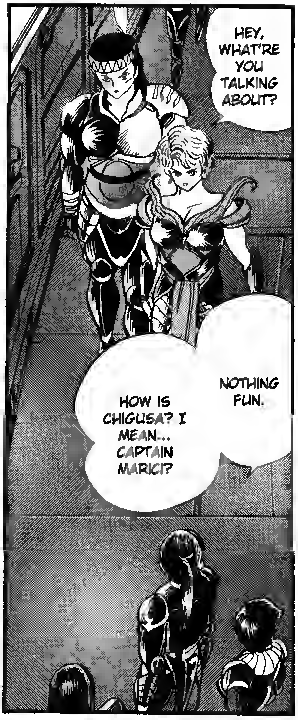
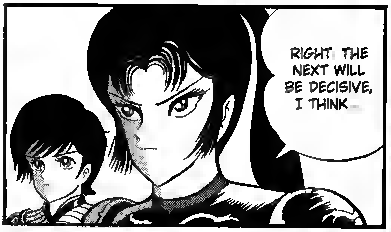
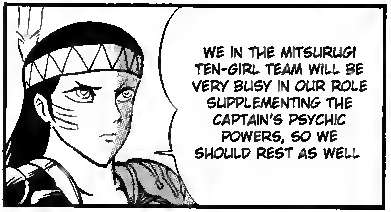
THIS IS THE RESIDUE OF AN ANCIENT BATTLE
SEVERAL TIMES THE SIZE OF EARTH. IT'S QUITE A BIZARRE SIGHT...
AND IT'S A PORTAL TO SUB-SPACE!

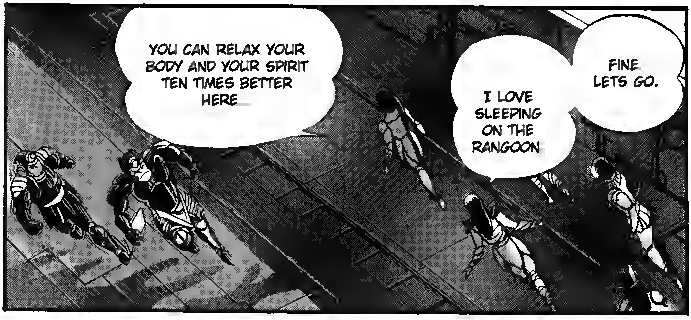
IN ANCIENT TIMES SUSA-NOO-NO-MIKOTO SEALED AN EVIL GOD THAT WAS A RETAINER OF YAMATA-NO-OROCHI IN A SUBSPACE INSIDE JUPITER'S ATMOSPHERE.
THAT'S HOW THE PORTAL WAS MADE!
I DON'T KNOW JUST WHAT KIND OF EVIL GOD IT WAS...
JUST THE FACT THAT IT WAS FROM A TIME OF EXTREME DEMON SPIRIT ACTIVITY IS CAUSE ENOUGH FOR CONCERN
IT IS VITAL WE NOT ALLOW ITS REVIVAL!


SHE'S RESTING.
IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT ENCOUNTER WITH KING DREAD.


HEY, WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
NOTHING FUN.
HOW IS CHIGUSA? I MEAN... CAPTAIN MARICI?


RIGHT. THE NEXT WILL BE DECISIVE, I THINK.


WE IN THE MITSURUGI TEN-GIRL TEAM WILL BE VERY BUSY IN OUR ROLE SUPPLEMENTING THE CAPTAIN'S PSYCHIC POWERS, SO WE SHOULD REST AS WELL


YOU CAN RELAX YOUR BODY AND YOUR SPIRIT TEN TIMES BETTER HERE.
I LOVE SLEEPING ON THE RANGOON.
FINE. LETS GO.

THE SLEEPING ROOMS ARE WEIGHTLESS AND WHILE YOU SLEEP
A SHOWER OF LIGHT REJUVENATES YOUR CELLS. IT'S THE BEST!
BODILY EXHAUSTION AND EVEN MENTAL FATIGUE ARE COMPLETELY WIPED AWAY!
YOUR CELLS ARE EACH INDIVIDUALLY REJUVENATED! THE FEELING IS EXQUISITE!

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HAS RETURNED!?
HAH!?
A MASSIVE DEMON SPIRIT
THE LEGENDARY SNAKE GODDESS, NYUWA!?

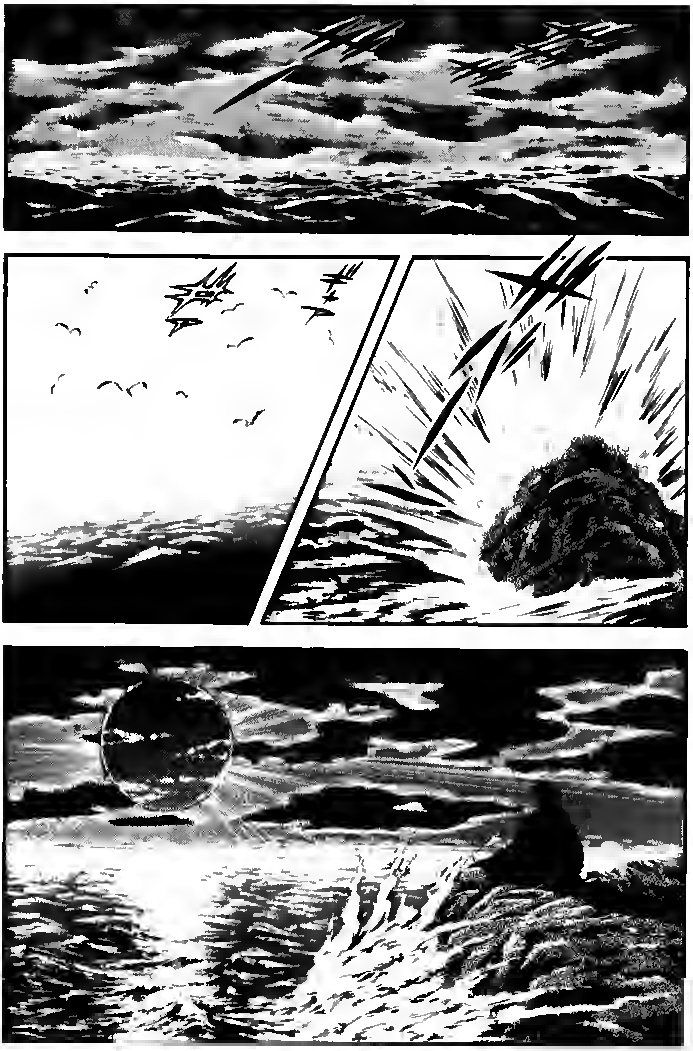
JUPITER'S GREAT RED SPOT IS MOVING!?
A DEMON IS MERGING!
A FACE!? A WOMAN'S FACE!?
TH-THIS IS A DEMON SPIRIT!?
IT'S HUGE! A WOMAN'S FACE AS BIG AS THE MOON...NO, BIGGER!?

HOW!? HOW CAN SUCH AN ENORMOUS MASS MOVE AT WILL!?
ZERO MASS !?
TAKE THE MEASUREMENT OF THIS MONSTER'S MASS!
BUT WHY IS JUPITER'S ATMOSPHERE MOVING!?
I SAID ZERO MASS !
WHAT !?
IS IT AN ILLU-SION !?
IT'S THERE! THE THING IS THERE!
IT'S CLOSING IN!
DAMN IT!
MAYBE IT'S JUST A PROJECTION FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

THE LEGENDS SAY SHE WAS THE GODDESS WHO CREATED THE WORLD, BUT IN FACT SHE IS A DEMON SPIRIT WHO POSSESSES THE POWER TO DESTROY THE WORLD, NOT TO MENTION THE SOLAR SYSTEM. SHE MAY EVEN HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO DESTROY THE GALAXY!
SHE IS NO ILLUSIONS! IN CHINESE MYTHOLOGY, THERE EXISTS A SNAKE GODDESS KNOWN AS NYUWA! THAT IS WHO WE FACE HERE!
IT ISN'T EVEN POSSIBLE TO MEASURE HER MASS WITH INSTRUMENTS FROM THIS UNIVERSE!
SHE IS COMPOSED OF AN UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION !!

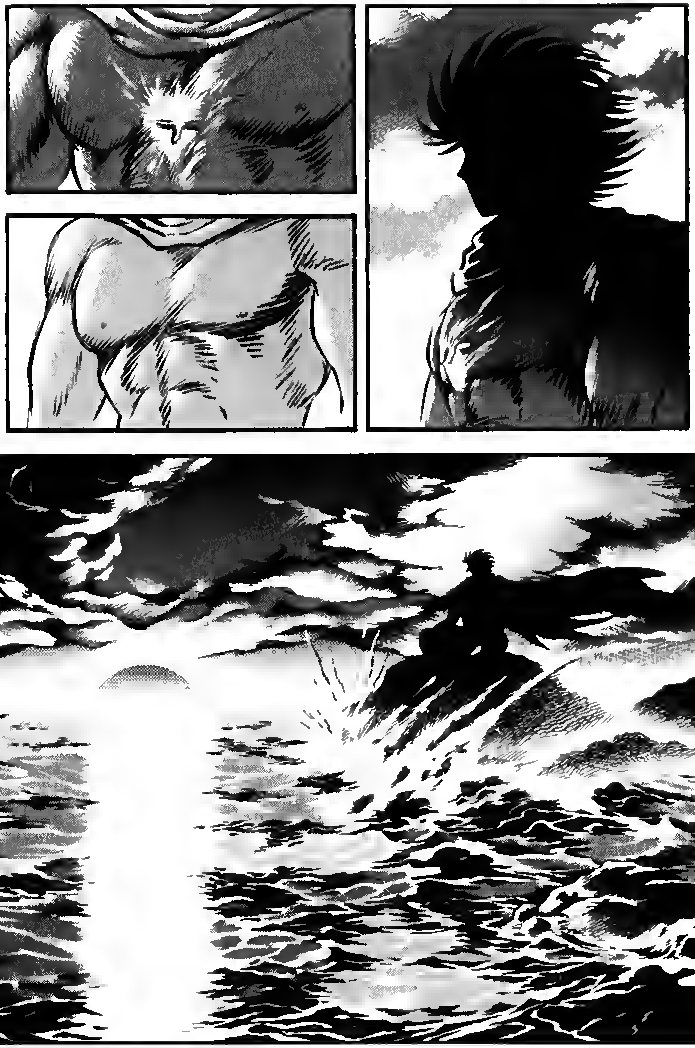
USING WEAPONS AGAINST HER MADE OF MATERIAL FROM OUR UNIVERSE SERVES NO PURPOSE...
OUR WEAPONS WILL HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT AGAINST A DEMON SPIRIT LIKE NYUWA!
THE ONLY THING EFFECTIVE AGAINST HER IS SPIRIT POWER!
AND FOR THAT, WE'D NEED A LEVEL OF POWER COMPARABLE TO SUSANOO-NO-MIKOTO!
SO.. !?
WHAT ABOUT THE RANGOON !?
WE'VE GOT NO NEED TO FIGHT HER!
LET'S GET OUT OF THIS PLANET'S RANGE!

RANGOON! ENTER SUB-LIGHT-SPEED NAVIGA-TION!
SUB-LIGHT SPEED ENG-AGED!



YOU'RE SO COMFY...
I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE ...
I'M SO HAPPY...
ALL THOSE HORRIBLE FEELINGS NO LONGER SEEM REAL.
I REALIZE NOW I WAS BORN AND RAISED FOR THIS DAY.
I'M GLAD I WAS BORN INTO THE SUSA CLAN...
NOW THAT I KNOW I WAS BORN FOR YOUR SAKE, LORD SUSA.. I FEEL PURE BLISS!
BUT NOW I'M HAPPY ...
TO TELL THE TRUTH, WHEN I FIRST LEARNED WHAT IT MEANT TO BE PART OF THE CLAN I WAS SCARED.

BECOMING THE BLOOD AND BODY OF SUSANOO-NO-MIKOTO
IS WARMTH . AND CONTENT-MENT ..
MAYUMI SUSA...YOU ARE ME..I AM YOU..
TWO SHALL BECOME AS ONE!
ONE GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS!



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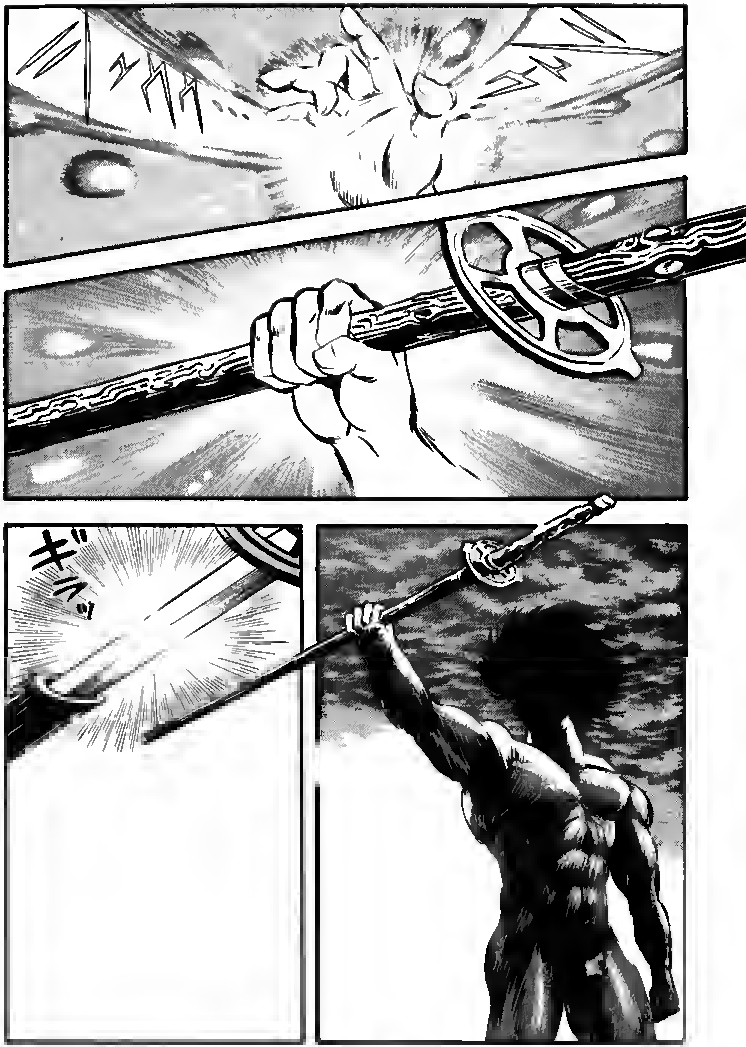
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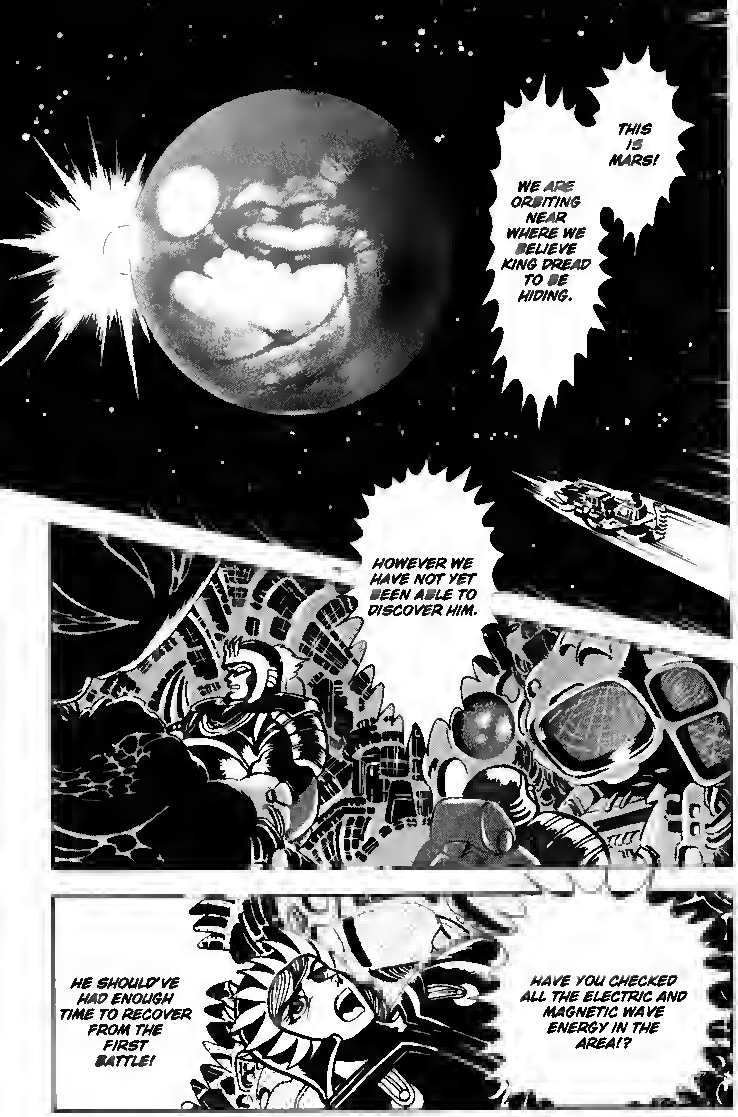
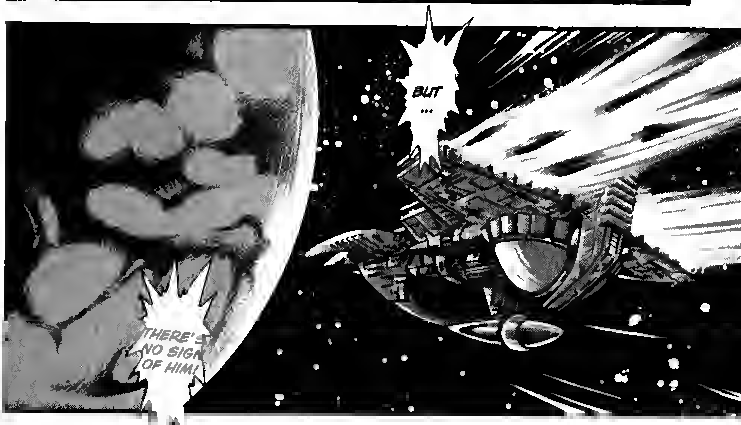

THIS IS MARS!
WE ARE ORBITING NEAR WHERE WE BELIEVE KING DREAD TO BE HIDING.
HOWEVER WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISCOVER HIM.
HE SHOULD'VE HAD ENOUGH TIME TO RECOVER FROM THE FIRST BATTLE!
HAVE YOU CHECKED ALL THE ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC WAVE ENERGY IN THE AREA!?

KING DREAD IS HERE!
HE SHOULD HAVE MADE IT AS FAR AS MARS WHEN HE WAS CHASING US!
BE WARY!


BUT ...
THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM!

I CAN'T SENSE HIM!
HE MAY HAVE ALREADY LEFT THE VICINITY OF MARS!
THERE AREN'T NY ENERGY WAVES HERE LIKE HIS!
KING DREAD IS HERE!
CAPTAIN! PERMISSION TO SEARCH ELSEWHERE.
DENIED!
WE MUST NOT BE FOOLED!
KING DREAD IS A CUNNING ONE!
HE IS WAITING TO AMBUSH US AS WE DPEART!

THEY HOPE TO DETECT WHERE HE IS AND HOW HE HAS ERECTED A BARRIER AROUND HIS EVIL SPIRIT ENERGY.
WE HAVE PSYCHICS PREPARING TO ALIGN THEIR THOUGHTS WITH KING DREAD!
THEY'LL NOT FAIL TO DETECT HIS WICKED THOUGHTS!

DO THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT AFFECT IT MIGHT HAVE ON THEIR MINDS ..OR EVEN THEIR BODIES!?
WAIT! ISN'T IT DANGEROUS TO ALIGN ONE'S THOUGHTS WITH A DEMON!?
AND KNOWING IT, THEY STILL VOLUNTEERED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE MITSURUGI TEN-GIRL TEAM!
THEY DO.
ALLOWED IT!
AND I...
THIS BATTLE...

IS THAT NOT RIGHT, BRAHMAN?
AS CAPTAIN I MUST PUT FEELINGS ASIDE OR WE WILL FAIL!!
I SHALL ACHIEVE VICTORY BY BECOMING A DEMON AS HEARTLESS AS KING DREAD HIMSELF!!!
HMM.

SO THAT THEIR PSYCHIC POWERS AND SKILLS MIGHT BE DIFFERENT, EACH WAS ALTERED AT THE GENETIC LEVEL TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL TRAITS, BUT THEY ALL WERE BORN FROM YOUR CELLS!!
THE MEMBERS OF THE MITSURUGI TEN GIRL TEAM ARE ALL YOUR CLONES!
TRULY, CHIGUSA !?